

The Eleventh Annual National Convention was held in the Plankinton House Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1956. National President D. S. Carlson conducted a very interesting and business-like meeting. The various committees, which had by now become departments, gave their reports and there was very little dissention to any proposition, proving the intelligent thinking on the part of those preparing their work for presentation. Mary Howells, a petite and attractive masseuse of Canton, Illinois, was chosen National Masseuse of the Year. The Convention set up a Public Relations Committee under the direction of Harry Pelikan of Missouri. There were one hundred and thirty registered delegates and three hundred and fifty present on the final evening. For election results, see the Appendix in back of report. Pottsville, Pennsylvania received the bid for the 1957 National Convention.

In a speech made at National Convention, President D. S. Carlson said, "Thirteen years ago we were a handful of members, today over four hundred. Five years ago we dropped two hundred undesirable and delinquent members. Today we have an active and progressive membership. Five years ago no regular publication, today a regular published magazine. Five years ago a weak constitution and by-laws, today a strong constitution and by-laws. Five years ago a lack of confidence in the A.A.M.M. and its officers, today a restored confidence demonstrated by accomplishments of its members. Five years ago, five dollar dues were too much for what we had, today, twelve dollar dues is not enough for what we get. Ten years ago hotels and cities did not want us, today they invite us to be their guest. Five years ago the public had no way of knowing for sure who the reputable Masseurs and Masseuses were, today they have a sure means of knowing. Five years ago we had no committees working, today we have eleven active committees working. Five years ago we had nine state chapters, today we have twenty-two state chapters. Five years ago we had no year book and registry, today we have a fine one which is improving every year. Five years ago we were afraid of everybody that tried to put pressure on us, today we are afraid of none. We have learned to fight back, if we lose, we have at least given a good account of ourselves." In closing President Carlson said he was jealous for us and wanted us to be good members so our future would be secure.

On August 15, 1956, President Carlson issued a warning to all Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen and Members to be cautious when demands were made of them for information from outsiders that have no interest in the A.A.M.M. He warned that much harm can come to the A.A.M.M. and years of effort lost by giving unauthorized information to unknown individuals, who either wish to gain advantages at our expense, or who wish to use the information to hinder our growth and progress.

#### 1957

California State Chapter met in Orville, January 19, 1957. All officers were re-elected with the exception of Harry F. Schuler, who was replaced by John Harold Gross as 3rd. Vice-president. Members went on record as favoring the doubling of dues to provide more operating funds. Other meetings of the year were held in June at Modesto and in October.

Georgia Chapter held meetings every four months. At the Macon meeting in June the following officers were elected; President Glenn D. Carlson, Vice-president Arnold Ingemann and Secretary-treasurer Clarence W. Jones.

Iowa Chapter met every quarter and on June 9, 1957 at Des Moines, all officers were re-elected.

Indiana State Chapter held meetings every other month. On July 13th and 14th,

1957 they held their first state convention in Indianapolis where the following officers were elected; President George W. Stoller, Vice-president Bessie E. Erfurth, Secretary-treasurer Lowell M. Spangle, Executive Secretary Thomas D. Olson and Chaplin Mary A. Felton.

Idaho Chapter meetings on record were January 16th, May 19th and July 14th. Officers elected were; President Minnie Keim, Vice-president Lela Swanson and Secretary-treasurer Marry Babbitt.

Illinois Chapter met every two months with the following officers serving; President F. Gilbert Schmitt, Vice-president Glenn D. Jewell and Secretary-treasurer Hazel F. Davis. Illinois also hosted two Quad-State meetings with Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin on April 6th and 7th and on November 3rd, 1957.

Kentucky Chapter held meetings every month and officers elected were; President Delbert Vincent, Vice-president C. E. Seibert and Secretary-treasurer Mary E. Simmons. Serious attempts were being made to get a Massage Act passed in Kentucky.

Massachusetts Chapter met every third Sunday of the month and all officers were re-elected. Virginia George announced that she planned to open a School of Massage, which was promptly done. This Chapter also hosted a Tri-State meeting with New Hampshire and Rhode Island on June 15th and 16th which was attended by thirty members.

Michigan State officers for 1957 were; President John Tucker, Secretary Nettie Hoppas and Treasurer Mr. Watson.

Pennsylvania State Chapter, with all State officers re-elected hosted the Twelfth Annual National Convention, held in Pottsville. It was well attended and a royal reception was given delegates by the people, the press and the radio and television. Blandford Jones and his staff out did themselves and a fine program was well attended at all times. The air of fellowship will long be remembered by all who were there. Sixteen State Chapters were represented. Chief of business was Association finances. Officers could not keep the organization going on wishful thinking. It was decided to raise the dues to \$24.00 per year effective in 1958. In the meantime funds would be raised by the "Buck a Month Club" which was a means of supporting the Organization until the dues raise took effect. Not all members donated their \$1.00 per month but many did and it all helped.

Gilbert Schmitt of Illinois gave his talk on wireless energy. He says the wireless quality of energy is similar to the invisible waves that flow into a radio set, and that all kinds of therapists are using them even though they are not conscious of the fact. Dr. Brooks gave an hour long talk on "Design for Living". The next annual Convention was to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. For list of officers elected at this convention see Appendix.

Kansas Chapter lost their President Francis A. Stinson, who passed away in 1957 and they were left with Secretary-treasurer Ruth Groth to carry on the work for the year.

There was no record of meetings in the following states;

Michigan officers were; President John Tucker, Vice-president Warren I. Pommerening and Secretary-treasurer Howard C. Watson.

Ohio Officers were; President Glenn G. Coffin, Secretary-treasurer William H.

Kinsinger.

Utah Officers were; President Robert D. Jones, Vice-president Stewart Horsloy, and Secretary-treasurer Bert F. Kidman.

The Oregon Chapter now had a total of sixteen members since Mildred Churchill and Dr. Jennie Cotner moved their School to Spokane, Washington. During their bi-monthly meetings, there was a lot of discussion on the report of the hearing on Senate Bill 283 and the Chapter went on record as favoring cancellation or revision of the bill. A letter to this effect was sent to the legislature, protesting its attempt to prevent massage operators from taking patients except by referral from an M.D. Also protest was made against Senate Bill 292 which would forbid the purchase of Vitamins or Food Supplements except by a Doctors prescription. Mary Altman explained Senate Bill 108 which raised Business License to \$25.00 and operators to an additional \$10.00 which was quite unreasonable in comparison to the Medical Doctor's License of \$5.00 per year.

July 13th, 1957, State Convention met in Eugene at the home of Past President Ruth (Olson) Pine. A letter was read from National President D. S. Carlson about the Masso Therapist Organization and their shaky methods of doing business. D. S. Beldon gave plenty of reasons why all should get busy and get the Massage Examination Commission back instead of being kicked around like a 'political football'. Election of officers, in the meeting of September 15th in Salem, resulted in D. S. Beldon being elected as President, and C. A. Tyler as Secretary-treasurer. Olen Rose was later appointed Vice-president. There was a meeting held on December 6th with the State Board of Health and they were informed by Dr. Erickson, State Health Officer that "The Oregon State Board of Health has ruled that the use of ultra-sonic and medical electric machines is outside the practice of massage."

North Dakota held meetings on April 13th in Fargo, June 22nd in Floyd Lake, September 7th in Fargo and December 7th in Grand Forks. All officers were re-elected.

Nebraska Chapter meetings were on call by the President of the Chapter. Officers elected for the year were; President Lewis Wentz, 1st Vice-president Gladys Weiler, 2nd Vice-president James A. Cunningham and Secretary-treasurer Francos McAllister. Mrs. Weiler was appointed by Nebraska Governor, as chairman of the Nebraska Board of Examiners of Massage. Louis Wentz was appointed to a four year term and C. Albert Chalmers to a three year term on the Board of Examiners. This was quite a feather in the cap of the Nebraska Chapter and the entire Association was justly proud of them.

Wisconsin Chapter were holding meetings quarterly and as officers were elected to a two year term, no new ones were elected in 1957.

Washington State Chapter was hostess to a Five-State Convention in Kennewick, Washington on June 7th, 8th and 9th. Members from Oregon, Idaho and Utah were present. California was unable to attend. Washington Massage Therapists were protected by the 1906 Sanipractors law which was ammended in 1917 and no State License was required. The Legislative Committee was continually on guard to prevent unfavorable laws and to protect our freedoms as long as possible. New officers elected were; President Pete I. Eitheim, Vice-President Blossom Guntly, Secretary-treasurer Ruth Williams and Editor of The Massage News was still Mrs. Williams. Spokane Chapter was holding regular monthly meetings according to R. A. Butt, local Secretary-treasurer, and the opening of a School of Massage by

Dr. Jennie Cotner was announced. Seattle Local held bi-monthly meetings at Mannings Restaurant, Dorothy Mann, Secretary-treasurer of the group, reported. Membership in Washington Chapter seemed to be at a stand still. A few would drop out and a few would join, but this once largest Chapter was now having trouble holding its own, and there were troubled waters ahead. The Massage News was cut to a bi-monthly publication and finances were tight. A resolution was sent to National to raise the dues to \$18.00 a year.

## 1958

Thanks to the "Buck a Month Club", the A.A.M.M. finished the year in the black with all bills paid. All chapters were working toward better basic principles of good massage to the effect that standards would be higher, our practice more standardized, the profession better accepted and our work more profitable to both patients and practitioners.

California Chapter received the bid for the 1959 National Convention and decided to hold it in Long Beach. All state meetings during that year were busy making preparations for it. Officers at the helm were; President Loran S. Stone, 1st Vice-President John Harold Gross, 2nd Vice-president J. L. Hatch and Secretary-treasurer Lloyd C. Allen.

Georgia Chapter officers were; President Arnold Ingemann, Vice-president Nannie Gurley and Secretary-treasurer Glen D. Carlson.

Idaho Chapter omitted their state initiation fee in order to attract new members to their monthly meetings. All officers of the previous year were re-elected.

Iowa Chapter was now fifteen members strong and in their October 12th meeting the following officers were elected; President Arles G. Bahl, Vice-president Mae Hudson and Secretary-treasurer Floy Brownlie. Directors were Mina McGreevey Anna Clark and Mildred Hansen.

Illinois Chapter held regular meetings in 1958 and was hostess to one Quad-State meeting. Officers of the year were elected June 8th in Galesburg, Ill. They were; President Charles Brooks, Vice-president Jean Wells and Secretary-treasurer Hazel Davis. Directors were Richard Frysinger, Dorothy Byles Mildred Schroat, Gladys Spicer and Gilbert Schmitt.

Indiana State Chapter had increased in membership until they now totaled more than sixty. A move was under way whereby members visited the various district legislators to smooth the way for passage of a Massage Act. Indiana was also blessed in having an excellent School of Massage which was owned by Thomas A. Olson, and located in Indianapolis. All state officers were re-elected.

The Thirteenth Annual National Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 6th through the 10th, with a fine attendance from twenty-two states. The newspapers gave the conventioners a very bad time in the form of headlines such as, "The Legal Rubbers Were in Town". Never had the Association received such bad support from the news media. This was quite a let down from the wonderful support that we had received the year before in Pennsylvania. President D. S. Carlson gave a fine message of goodbye as this was his third year in office and he could not serve again as President. The Association had made lots of progress under his gavel and guidance. Irving Liebowetz, managing editor of the Indianapolis Times was principal speaker at the banquet, but he too, failed to get the idea of why we were organized and kept talking about the fronts, dives and

houses of ill fame that operated under our profession. Members felt that if people like him were still carrying such a concept of the past, we were still struggling at the foot of the ladder.

Members had been kicking around the idea of a name change for some time and the matter was discussed and put to a vote. It was decided to call the organization the American Massage and Therapy Association. A new emblem was designed and the new name and emblem were used for the first time on the November-December issue of the Massour. Officers elected were; (see Appendix)

Kansas Chapter officers elected for 1958 were Rebecca Burns, President, Walter Groz, Vice-president and Katherine R. Adams, Secretary-treasurer. This chapter was a small one, but members had taken a new hold and many fine meetings were held.

Kentucky State Chapter held over the 1957 officers and held regular meetings in the form of picnics and etc.

Ohio officers were; President Harold W. Forth and Secretary-treasurer William H. Kinsinger.

Michigan officers were; President Warren Pommerening, Vice-president Emma Veenstra and Secretary-treasurer William A. Menkman.

Massachusetts Chapter members were very active and three new members were accepted from the first class of the George School of Massage. A sale was held to raise funds for the chapter and they helped Rhode Island to get organized. New officers elected for the year were; President A. Henry LaFleur, 1st Vice-president Rosella Johnson, 2nd Vice-president Virginia George and Secretary-treasurer Sadie Seligman. Meetings were held every month and alternated with the Rhode Island Chapter, which was organized on March 16, 1958 in the Massachusetts Chapter meeting. Rhode Island officers elected were; President Alice Smith, Secretary Madge Banahan, Treasurer Mrs. Felix Banahan and Chaplin Ida Thorson.

Pennsylvania State Chapter officers of the year were; President Wilson L. Lutte, Secretary Leslie B. Hock and Arnold P. Kranch as Treasurer. Mr. Lutte passed away in December and Thomas R. Fink replaced him as President of the Chapter.

Nebraska Chapter officers were; President Lewis Wentz, 1st Vice-president Gladys W. Koepke, 2nd Vice-president James Cunningham and Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Francis McAllister.

North Dakota Chapter held their quarterly meetings in Fargo, Detroit Lakes and North Wahpeto. Members especially enjoyed the exchange of treatments. It was a treat to get them rather than give them. Leonard Neels and Milford Bakke were kept in office as President and Vice-president respectively. Albert E. Dahlgren was elected as Secretary-treasurer to replace his father Samuel. Work was being prepared for the Massage Act which members were trying to get through legislature. This chapter was grieved by the loss of Mr. John Neels on December 26, 1958.

March 9, 1958 a joint meeting was held in Portland, composed of all massage operators from everywhere in the state, members and non-members. Mr. Lindsey discussed the letter sent out to all masseurs from the State Board of Health the past August, pointing out some discrepancies and unlawful statements, showing that this letter was actually only the one-sided interpretation of the actual

law. After several persons spoke in regard to Senate Bill 283, Alfred Trossen spoke on the merits of the bill declaring it was basically good, but its interpretation by the State Board of Health is not properly handled. Belden, Adams, Pine, Trossen and Tyler were selected as a committee of the caucus meeting to act on the legal problems which faced them. The committee decided to recommend the following changes: That two Masseurs be appointed to the State Board of Health . . . A reduction in the Business License to include the \$10.00 personal fee. . . That the state examination fee be raised to include the personal fee of \$10.00 . . . That Senate Bill 283 include the wording 'Masseurs' after the word 'Naturopathy'. It was agreed to send letters to all Masseurs in the state concerning these recommendations, requesting them to mail any complaints they might have had with the State Board of Health. These complaints to be used in seeking redress from former verdicts set down by the Board of Health.

After an interesting caucus meeting at which fifty-three were present to see a demonstration on how to drain the sinuses, etc., President Belden called a meeting of the A.M.T.A. to order at the Y.M.C.A. in Portland, on September 14th. They were told of the arrest of an A.M.T.A. member at Forest Grove, Mr. Martin, on charges of violating the medical practice act. Each person present was urged to be sure to keep their own practice within the letter of the law in order to have the backing of the State and National A.M.T.A. It was decided to have representation of the A.M.T.A. present at the trial.

There were twenty-three members at this time in Oregon but seven of them were behind in dues. Officers of the year were; President Stanley Belden, Vice-president George Addams and Secretary-treasurer Charles E. Sample. In the final meeting of the year, President Belden gave a report of attendance at the trial of J. J. Martin. According to the evidence presented by the state he was guilty as charged for which we are sorry. In light of the above evidence his money was refunded for dues and he was expelled from the A.M.T.A. The discontent that members felt with the State Board of Health was because they were handling the massage laws instead of a Massage Board.

Wisconsin Chapter held several meetings during 1958, but none that will remain in their memory like the one of December 7th held in the home of Mildred Warnes. John Persona, who was to show a film, forgot the extra windup reel and substituted his Stereo Tapes which were enjoyed by all. Mildred Warnes served the best cup of hot water ever served. She forgot the coffee! However no one forgot the Christmas exchange gifts and so a fine time was had and plans were made to attend another Quad-State convention in the spring. New officers elected were; President John Persona, Vice-president Katherine S. Lizak and Secretary-treasurer Mildred Warnes.

Washington State Chapter held their Executive Board meeting in Wenatchee on April 13th with all officers present. The Spokane Local Chapter held a meeting in the home of their President, Russel Soper, where four new members were accepted. These people were all graduates of Dr. Jennie Cotner School of Massage. This was her first class in Spokane. State Convention was held in Seattle on June 6th and 7th, 1958. Officers elected were; President Pete I. Eitreim, Vice-president Blossom Guntly and Secretary-treasurer Ruth Williams. Arthur Dunbar was installed as Editor of the Washington Massage News. The Chapter added a Chaplin, Myrtle Mann, to the officers for the first time in Washington. Ermal Rothgeb was given Honorary Life Membership. She was a Charter Member of the A.A.M.M. Chicago group. The Seattle local Chapter was holding meetings every other month under the leadership of Pryor Canaday as President.



California Chapter held their State Convention June 6th and 7th, 1959 at Modesto. Time was spent in preparation for the coming National Convention. Officers elected were; President Irene Jordan, 1st Vice-president Ralph Bisbee, 2nd Vice-president E. R. Conn, 3rd Vice-president Lois Essex and Secretary-treasurer Lloyd C. Allen.

The Fourteenth Annual National Convention of the A.M.T.A. was held in the Red Velvet Room of the LaFayette Hotel in Long Beach, California on August 12th through the 15th. A three day pre-convention post graduate course was well attended. Frank Persitza opened the convention in the absence of President Thomas Olson. Many changes were made in the by-laws. The most important of these was that no officer may succeed himself after having served three consecutive years, with exception of State and National Secretary-treasurer. An officer may be elected to any other office or to his former office after a lapse of one year.

There were representatives from twenty states and all present thoroughly enjoyed the educational features as well as the fine social events. The ladies had a luncheon style show and the men attended a Gay 90's buffet luncheon. The trip to Knott's Berry Farm and Ghost Town took two Greyhound buses loaded with some standing to take everyone out there. Saturday evening there was a lovely banquet and the group went to the Arragon Ball Room, where members danced and were entertained by Lawrence Wolk and his famous band until two in the morning. After breakfast, banquet style, on Sunday morning, members again boarded buses to take them out to the Glass Church built on the cliff along the shore of the Pacific Ocean. This was one of the best treats sponsored by the California Chapter. Chicago was chosen as Convention City for the A.M.T.A. in 1960. For list of officers elected at the 1959 convention, see the Appendix.

Georgia Chapter officers were the same as the year before with the exception of Jane C. Felts being installed as Vice-president.

Idaho State Chapter helped to defeat House Bill 48 for licensing of Physical Therapists, which would have put the masseur out of business. Meetings were held at the homes of Minnie Kiem and Mary Rabbitt. A picnic was held in the Ann Morrison Park in Boise on June 29th where election of officers was held. Officers elected were; President Lillian D. Johnson, Vice-president Minnie Kiem and Secretary-treasurer Margaret J. White.

Illinois was host to the Fourth Quad-State Spring Convention held on April 11th and 12th in Peoria. It was attended by members from Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Illinois. Officers elected in the June 14th meeting were; President Charles Brooks, Vice-president A. Jean Wells and Secretary-treasurer Hazel Davis. Other meetings were held in September and November.

Indiana Chapter held meetings in January, March, September and November with their State Convention held May 16th and 17th. They participated in some very fine Post-Graduate Seminars during the year. All officers were re-elected with the exception of Bessie Erfurth, who retired as Vice-president and Sylvester F. Wyss was elected in her place.

Iowa Chapter decided to drop any member who did not attend at least one meeting a year (unless suitable excuse was given) All officers were re-elected and served in their May and October meetings.

Kansas Chapter fall meeting was the center of a membership drive and was under the guidance of Mrs. Burns as President and Catherine Adams as Secretary-treasurer. Cecilia Roland made a legislative study concerning massage laws and reported to the state on it.

Massachusetts Chapter hosted a Tri-State meeting with Rhode Island and New Hampshire as guests. Election of officers was held in a joint meeting with Rhode Island on April 12th. They were; President Henry LaFleur, 1st Vice-president Ann B. White, 2nd Vice-president Florence Laws and Secretary-treasurer Sadie A. Sellingman. They also held an October meeting where they were guests of Felix and Lillian LaBonte business establishment from which they received some fine newspaper publicity.

Michigan Chapter members were holding quarterly meetings and gaining new members. Officers elected in their June 7th meeting were; President Warren Pommerening, Vice-president Emma Veenstra, Secretary Nettie Hoppas and Treasurer William Monkman.

Montana Chapter was organized during 1959 with seven members, five of which attended the National Convention. Their first officers were; President Louis S. Hanson, Vice-president Mary L. Mecklenburg and Secretary-treasurer Elizabeth M. Hill. They brought in thirty members during the year.

Rhode Island Chapter held joint meetings with Massachusetts and New Hampshire twice in 1959. They were concerned with proper business advertising and what to do about improper advertising. Officers elected in the March 2nd meeting were; President Alice C. Smith and Secretary-treasurer Ida N. Thorson.

North Dakota Chapter was holding Quarterly meetings and was actively engaged in efforts to get a massage bill passed. Their efforts paid off on July 1st when the bill was signed into law. Leonard Neels, Dougald Munro, and Samuel G. Dahlgren were appointed on the State Board of Examiners. Officers of the year were; President Milfred T. Bakke, Vice-president Vlast Vejtasa and Secretary-treasurer Albert E. Dahlgren.

In the January 18th Oregon Chapter meeting, a letter was read from National Secretary-treasurer Samuel Dahlgren in which he told how the masseurs in Washington D.C. were told by the masse-therapists to either join up with them right away or else! -- and how this same spirit was spreading. The group voted to reject the "grandfather clause" of Senate Bill 283 or any other one like it. In a lively discussion of the fee to be charged for massage, it was decided to make \$4.00 as the minimum charge, leaving it to the operator the sum to be charged needy people who could not meet the full sum. On March 22, following a profitable caucus meeting of an hour and one half, the official A.M.T.A. meeting was called to order. Oregon now had nineteen paid up members. President Beldon called their attention to an article in the Ladies Home Journal in regard to the danger of antibiotics. There was a lively discussion on massage therapy, xray and "Contact Healing" and the value of demonstration at the meetings.

Charles Sample was again elected as Secretary-treasurer and Olin Rose was elected as Vice-president. The caucus meetings had served their purpose and it was at this time that it was decided to disband and the fund of \$17.37 be turned over to the A.M.T.A. Oregon Chapter also went on record with the change in name from the A.A.M.M. which it had been up to this year and accepted the name change taken by the National A.M.T.A. After discussion on various subjects, a welcome was given to two new members, Lydia Norris of Seaside and Hattie Amend of Port-



land.

Nebraska Officers for 1959 were; President C. Albert Chalmers, Vice-president H. Lynn Radcliff and Secretary-treasurer Agnes Switzer.

Pennsylvania State Chapter held an all day clinic in February and guests attended from New York, Maryland and New Jersey. Their officers were; President Thomas Fink, Vice-president Leslie B. Hock, Secretary John Hiestand and Treasurer Arnold Kranch.

Wisconsin Chapter lost one member this year, for Mildred Warnes left the massage profession to become a nun. Frank Persitza was elected to replace Mildred as Secretary-treasurer.

Washington State Chapter met at Moses Lake on June 13th and 14th. All officers were re-elected and John Murray was installed as editor of the Washington Massage News. Dr. Jennie Cotner passed away in a Spokane Chapter meeting. She was a great loss to the entire A.M.T.A. because her life was dedicated to the teaching of massage work. The Seattle Chapter was holding monthly meetings with Arthur Dunbar presiding.

#### 1960

Arizona Chapter was organized on November 26, 1960 and the following officers were elected; President Albert J. Sprague, Vice-president Norman Hostetler and Secretary-treasurer Gail I. Bledsdorf.

The California Chapter held their quarterly meeting in Modesto, on November 5th and 6th. National President George Gammon, spoke briefly on legislation, the need for it and the effort made to obtain it. The Northern California regional meetings were held on October 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon P. Martin in Palermo with twenty-one present and on November 27th at the home of Mildred Smith of Sacramento. At this meeting a new unit was organized for the Northern group. The Southern California regional meeting was held in San Diego at the Grant Hotel to try to organize a Unit. The meeting was called to order by George Gammon and each guest was introduced. Mr. Gammon told of the benefits of the A.M.T.A. After dinner a workshop was held to the delight of all present.

Georgia Chapter re-elected all officers.

Iowa Chapter met on April 24th and October 16th. Don Hudson was taken in as an associate member. Their chapter was working on standardized telephone advertising and they were preparing for a legislative fight. The President was keeping informed as to pending legislation. All officers were re-elected.

Illinois Chapter met several times during 1960 and most of their efforts were spent in preparation for the National Convention held in Chicago. June 5th meeting was a Quad-State gathering. All officers were re-elected with the exception of Vice-president and Martin Weinrich was selected to fill that office.

The City of Chicago gave us a warm welcome for our Fifteenth Annual National Convention on August 4th through the 7th, 1960, where there was the best attendance to date. An orderly business meeting made several changes in the constitution and by-laws to coincide with the Certificate of Incorporation which was filed on the following September 13, 1960 in Washington D. C. This was a giant step forward. The A.M.T.A. was getting to be big business and officers and members needed the protection of incorporation.

Chartered buses took delegates on a five hour tour of Chicago and they enjoyed dinner in China Town. Sunday morning breakfast was highlited with a duet sung by Ann Bergholz and Charles Brooks. The song, written by Ann, was to the tune of "On Wisconsin". It was adopted as official A.M.T.A. Anthem in this convention. For National officers elected please see Appendix. Omaha, Nebraska was chosen for Convention City in 1961.

Idaho officers remained the same.

Indiana Chapter held their election on July 10th, electing Lowell M. Spangle as President, Sylvester Wyss as Vice-president and George W. Stoller as Secretary-treasurer. They were putting out a State News Letter under the editorship of Thomas Brrokshire, who was commended for doing a fine job. Thirty-five to fourty members and guests were attending meetings during this year. Their State Convention met May 14th and 15th in Indianapolis with one hundred and twenty-six in attendance.

Kansas Chapter officers serving for 1960 were; President Calvin Gray, Vice-president Celia Rowland and Secretary-treasurer Kathryn E. Hunt. Several of their meetings were held jointly with Missouri.

Michigan State Chapter has on record a meeting in September held at Lansing where there were eight members and three guests present. They had a massage bill roady for presentation when the time was right. Members wished to extend an invitation to the national and plans were made to do so. All officers were re-elected.

Missouri State Chapter was organized in February 1960 at Kansas City with eleven Charter Members. Their Charter was presented to them in March by Samuel Dahlgren. Other meetings were held in June and September. Their first officers were; President Jessie P. Ray, Vice-president Irvin Burns and Secretary-treasurer W. L. Hodgson.

Montana Chapter officers were all re-elected.

Nebraska Chapter was by now calling themselves "The Nebraska Massage Association. They were holding twice yearly meetings, and since they had received the bid for the 1961 National Convention, they were a busy chapter. All officers were held over for another year.

North Dakota Chapter suffered the loss of Leonard Neels who passed away in February. Mr. Neels was replaced on the State Massage Examiners Board by Vlast Vejtsa. North Dakota held her first annual two day Convention September 9th and 10th in Bismark, with twenty-nine members and eight guests present. It was decided to divide the state into two sections, the East and the West so members would not have so far to drive for the one day meetings. Herbert Hill was elected chairman for the Western Division and Vivi Hopponen for the Eastern Division. Jack Mayfield was awarded honorary membership in the North Dakota Chapter. Samuel Dahlgren reported that there were thirty-four licensed to practice massage in the state of North Dakota. Officers were; President Milfred T. Bakke, Vice-president Alice Olson and Secretary-treasurer Albert E. Dahlgren.

Oregon Chapter was still holding bi-monthly meetings and had eighteen active members. They were having trouble with their State Massage Law and the Attorney General was asked for an interpretation of it. If what he said was true it would make law breakers out of all masseurs in the state, i.e. "that to treat illness or abnormalities, or to relieve pain, unless the patient was referred

from an M. D., was to practice medicine." Members were compiling an amendment to the bill and were trying to get two masseurs appointed to the Examining Board. Acting officers were; President Loren C. Maybee, Vice-president Olon Rose and secretary-treasurer Charles Sample.

Pennsylvania Chapter, in addition to the several regular meetings, held their Second Annual Tri-State Clinic, in Allentown on October 16, 1960. Certificates of Attendance were given a goodly number of members. Officers elected were; President Thomas Fink, Vice-president Paul A. Sittler and Secretary-treasurer John G. Hiestland.

Rhode Island officers were; President Alice C. Smith and Secretary-treasurer Ida N. Thorson. They conducted meetings in October and December, other meetings were held with Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Massachusetts Chapter held a Tri-State meeting on May 14th and 15th, in which members were given a program on life saving, first aid and "Rescue Breathing". Forty registered therapists were in attendance. November 13th members were shown through the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital Physical Therapy Department, which was enjoyed by all. New officers elected at this meeting were; President Virginia C. George, Vice-president Rollin F. Perry, 2nd Vice-president Louis P. Rano and Secretary-treasurer Ann B. White.

Washington Chapter members met in Seattle on April 3rd with Department of License Officials. The meeting was constructive and harmonious, leaving parties on both sides with a better understanding of the other side. License Department Officials admitted that they knew very little about hydro-colon therapy, and stated that they had thought that the water was injected under pressure and pumped out again. This wrong conception explained their attempts to close down several of our masseurs who gave colon irrigations. The May 1st Board Meeting and the June 4th and 5th State Meeting were held in Moses Lake. It was decided that each member be assigned a month in which to contribute an article for the Washington Massage News. This method worked out fairly well and John Murray kept the paper rolling another year. New officers elected were; President Blossom Guntly, Vice-president Pete I. Eitriem and Secretary-treasurer Ruth E. Williams.

Wisconsin Chapter was holding lectures and inviting the public to attend. They had fifteen members at this time and it looked as though there was not much hope to gain many new ones. Their massage act had been thrown out and massage therapists were under the Physical Therapy Act operating under the grandfather clause, therefore no new therapists had been allowed to come into the state for six years (since 1953). This was done in order to destroy massage therapy in the state. New officers were elected this year and Ann Bergholz was installed as President, John Persona as Vice-president and Frank Persitza as Secretary-treasurer.

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Arizona Chapter was notified on February 17, 1961 that due to the efforts of their State President, the A.M.T.A. and its members were registered with the office of the Secretary of State, State of Arizona. In September arrangements were made for permission to use the term Massage Therapist in the classified advertising section in the telephone directory. All qualified members of the A.M.T.A. would be eligible to use this listing. The Chapter was very proud of the honor bestowed upon their President, Albert Sprague, who was chosen to give Vice President Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson massage treatments while the John-

sons were visiting in Phonix. Officers of the year were; President Albert J. Sprague, Vice-president Norman Hostetler and Secretary-treasurer Evelyn M. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Conn, of Modesto, California, were host to the Northern Unit on March 19th, at which time Mr. Conn gave a report on a meeting with the Board of Directors of the A.M.T.A., the California Physical Therapy Association and the Golden State Physical Therapist Association, in their attempt to work together for a proper legislative bill. A similiar meeting was held at the home of George Gammon on March 28th. Both Units voted to give George Gammon and Elmer Conn a free hand to negotiate with C.P.T.A. and G.S.P.T.A. California Chapter of the A.M.T.A. held their State Convention in San Francisco, June 23rd through the 25th. At this meeting Unit 1 was organized with John Turnbull as Unit President and their frist meeting was held October 28, 1961 in the Clark Hotel in Los Angeles.

Colorado Chapter was formed in 1961. Their officers were; President Warren R. Campbell, Vice-president Ben R. Wilson and Secretary-treasurer Ina B. Campbell. They barely had their four members to qualify for a chapter but it was a good start.

Georgia Chapter was having good turnouts in their meetings with ninety percent of their members present and several guests. Their officers were; President Glenn Carlson, Vice-president Arnold Ingemann and Secretary-treasurer Lillian G. Dorry.

Idaho Chapter officers of the year were Margaret J. White, President, Adelo Buffington, Vice-president and Belle Rose Secretary-treasurer. Honorary membership was given to Minnie Keim.

Illinois Chapter had twenty-three members and guests at the Chicago meeting in January. A demonstration of a new percussion and oscillation machine from France was given. April 29th and 30th was the Annual Quad-State meeting with Indiana, Illinois Iowa and Wisconsin. These get-togethers were taking on the aspect of a full fledged convention siniliar to the National Convention. Decat Illinois was the scene of the September 7th election of officers. They were; President Martin Weinrich, Vice-president Dorothy Byles and Secretary-treasurer Konnoth Reid. Dr. Brooks urged the members in their December 3rd, Chicago meeting, to subscribe to the National Federation of Health Magazine. In spite of bad weather, fourteen members and seven guests were present.

Indiana State Chapter, consisting of sixty-five members met in January and march. Their May 6th and 7th meeting was their State Convention. There were fifty-four registered into the meeting. Health talks given at the convention were to be made-up in pamphlet form for distribution to clients. The election of officers was hold September 9th at Fort Wayne. Elected officers were; President Lowell M. Spangle, Vice-president Catherine Hollands, Secretary-treasurer George Stollar, Exocutive Secretary Thomas Brookshire, Corresponding Secretaries Naomi Tracy and Beatrice L. Parkinson and Chaplin Nelle Towe. Final meeting of the year was held November 4th in North Manchester.

Iowa State Chapter held a Seminar on April 29th and 30th in Cedar Rapids with all members but one present. Election of officers was held in the fall meeting. They were; President Donald Hudson, Vice-president Mildred Hansen and Secretary-treasurer Grace Dougherty. Honorary Lifetime Membership was given Ann Clark for her faithful and unselfish service to the chapter. Mr. Bahl demonstrated his

treatment for rotated ilium.

Kansas Chapter met June 4th in Atchison. A fine educational program was given by Mrs. Roland on nerves. It was decided to give new applicants a break by deleting the \$10.00 initiation fee until the end of August to entice new members. Officers of the year were; President Calvin Gray, Vice-president Donald Rankin, and Secretary-treasurer Katherine E. Hunt. Several of the old members who had never attended a state meeting before were present at the November 12th meeting in Emporia, Kansas. There were also a number of new members welcomed at this time.

Massachusetts Chapter held their January 15th meeting in Worcester with fifteen and eight guests present. The March meeting was held in Falls River. A Tri-State meeting was held May 19th and 20th in North Attleboro where they had good newspaper and television coverage. This chapter had an extensive educational program going. There were twenty-five members and most of them participated in the meetings. Officers serving this year were; Virginia C. George, President, Rollin F. Perry, Vice-president, Louis P. Rano 2nd Vice-president and Ann B White, Secretary-treasurer.

Michigan State Chapter met in Lansing on April 9th, with seven members and several guests. They voted to table the Beauty Contest which was sponsored by Nebraska for the upcoming National Convention, as did many of the other states. All officers were re-elected.

Montana Chapter met in Great Falls on April 10th with thirty-one present. They now had a total of fifty-six members. Samuel Dahlgren was a guest on September 2nd and spoke to the gathering. The state decided to divide into Eastern and Western Units lessening the distance members had to travel to meetings. Montana officers were; President Carl W. Saunders, Vice-president Ruth Robertson and Secretary-treasurer Ruth Love Ball.

Missouri Chapter members were making efforts to get a massage board under the direction of the Kansas City Welfare Department to combat existing conditions which were bad in Kansas City. Ways and means to clean up the degrading conditions were of primary concern to all present at the April 16th meeting in St. Joseph. On September 10th a Kansas City representative from the Welfare Department met with members to see what could be done. Due to heavy snow only four members and one guest made it out to the December 10th meeting in Kansas City.

Nebraska Chapter was chosen to be hostess state to the National Convention in August 1961. They met in State Convention on May 13th and 14th at Grand Island where six new members were accepted. They were fostering a plan for a nationwide beauty queen contest, the winner to be chosen in National Convention.

On August 3, 1961, delegates from all over the United States met in Omaha for The Sixteenth Annual National Convention of the A.M.T.A. A great deal of time was spent on discussion of legislative precedures and mal-practice insurance. An important ammendment to the constitution and by-laws, making it possible to accept any prospective member who had two years background experience or had a diploma from an accredited school of massage, but is only practicing part time, would be acceptable for membership. Before this change, only those graduating from an accredited school and practicing full time were acceptable. Irene Jordan of California, received a trophy for bringing in the most new members. She had brought in one hundred and eighty-three during the year. The